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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #323-21**

DATE: December 10, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2022-2023 Competitive Grant for Praxis and Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment Assistance to Support Provisionally Licensed Teachers and Pre-Service Education Candidates Seeking Full Licensure in Virginia**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is seeking grant proposals to provide Praxis and Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment assistance for provisionally licensed teachers and pre-service education candidates seeking full licensure in Virginia. Grant applications are due to VDOE by **December 23, 2021**.

As part of Virginia's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funding, \$80,000 in grant funding is available. Teacher preparation programs in Virginia public institutions of higher education, teacher preparation programs in Virginia private institutions of higher education that partner with public school divisions, public school divisions partnering with teacher preparation programs in Virginia institutions of higher education, or nonprofit organizations in all regions of the state may apply for awards, not to exceed \$12,000 each. The grant awards are to subsidize test fees (Praxis and VCLA assessments), the cost of tutoring, preparation materials, and/or the cost of hosting workshops to assist provisionally licensed teachers and/or pre-service education candidates seeking full licensure in Virginia.

For additional details, refer to the attached *Competitive Grant Application for Praxis and Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment Assistance for Provisionally Licensed Teachers and Pre-Service Education Candidates Seeking Full Licensure in Virginia*.

For more information

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Meg Homer, Educator Engagement Specialist, or Dr. Joan B. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Education and Licensure, with the Virginia Department of Education, by email (Meghan.Homer@doe.virginia.gov) or by phone at (804) 371-2522.

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- A. Attachment: [Competitive Grant Application for Praxis and Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment Assistance to Support Provisionally Licensed Teachers and Pre-Service Education Candidates Seeking Full Licensure in Virginia](#) (DOCX)